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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CREDITS: DISCUSSIONS OF SENATOR STEVENSON
 WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JOZEF CZYREK, JANUARY 18, 1978

1. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/EE. SENATOR STEVENSON EFFECTIVELY EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL AND FOR FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION AND DIVIDED-FAMILIES ISSUES IN PARTICULAR DURING THAT MEETING. THE SENATOR UNDERLINED HIS CONCERN BY POINTING OUT THE LIKELIHOOD THAT NEW AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WOULD REQUIRE THE BANK TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS BEFORE TAKING DECISIONS ON LOAN REQUESTS.

2. THE SENATOR MADE THESE POINTS WHILE STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. AS IN HIS OTHER MEETINGS IN WARSAW, SENATOR STEVENSON SAID THE CHANCES FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING LONG-TERM CREDITS FOR GRAIN SALES ARE GOOD, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT POLISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF WOULD IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR PASSAGE AND FOR EXTENDING CREDITS TO POLAND ONCE THE LEGISLATION HAD PASSED. THE SENATOR MADE CLEAR THAT U.S. ATTITUDES ON CREDITS AND OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE AFFECTED BY POLICIES IN OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS HUMAN
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RIGHTS.

3. THE RESPONSE OF CZYREK, WHO WILL BE DIRECTING NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT THE MINISTRY FOR SOME MONTHS AFTER THE TRANSFER OF VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI, WAS CONTENTIOUS. AT ONE POINT HE STATED THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF US LEGISLATION "WOULD BE MORE STRICT THAN THOSE OF THE VATICAN'S BANK OF THE HOLY GHOST."

CZYREK ASKED WHAT DEFINITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BE USED AND WHO WOULD ARBITRATE OUR DIFFERENCES? THE SENATOR REFERRED THE MINISTER TO THE UN'S UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE BELGRADE DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT, WHERE USG LOANS ARE CONCERNED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL REACH ITS OWN CONCLUSIONS.

4. I DO NOT WISH TO SPECULATE ON THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF SUCH LEGISLATION ON POLAND. SENATOR STEVENSON'S COMMENTS HAVE, HOWEVER, CLEARLY LET THE GOP KNOW THAT IT CANNOT PROCEED BLINDLY IN ITS HANDLING OF EMIGRATION AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ISSUES WHILE SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR ITS PRESSING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.
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